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For: CONTROL OF SELECTIVE ESTROGEN RECEPTOR MODULATORS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 114, of the above-identified application.

Check No. 003560 which includes the RCE fee of \$355 and any extension/suspension fee, is enclosed herewith. Applicant is a small entity.

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This Submission is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2000.

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